

NEWARK CROWD TRIES TO LYNCH A NEGRO BANDIT

Two Mile Pistol Battle in Heart of Town Results in Two Wounded.

WOMAN SHOT IN ARM Policeman Is Also Hit in Leading Advance on Fleeing Gunman.

LATTER FINALLY CAUGHT Tries to Rob Chinese Laundryman, Who Fails to Use His Army Automatic.

James Alexander, a negro, walked into the laundry of Joe Lee at 164 High street, Newark, last night and slammed a big revolver down on the counter.

"Chink," he said, "first hand me your money and then wash iron this gun."

The negro's order was the signal for a fight that developed into a chase through two miles of Newark's streets and ended in a revolver battle in which a policeman and a young woman were wounded. The capture of the negro was followed by an attempt on the part of 500 persons to lynch him to a tree in the heart of the city's theatre and business district.

Lee, upon learning that he was to hand over his money, dashed into the rear room of his laundry, picked up an army automatic pistol and, sneaking into an alley, attempted to outflank Alexander and attack him from the rear. But the negro was wary and met Lee at the front door. Forthwith the Chinese fled down the street. He dodged behind a tree, let the negro get ahead of him and then, shouting for help, became the pursuer himself.

Running Fight Kept Up.

At this point Policemen Sullivan and Hoban joined Lee and began firing at the negro. He paid no attention to the shots, but continued on toward the business district, turning now and then to send back a shot. In Barrett street, near West street, he stepped behind a tree and poured four shots in the direction of the cops.

Half a mile further on Alexander passed the quarters of a fire truck company. He sent a bullet through the door just as firemen who had been attracted by the uproar heaved a scolding ladder through an open window at him. For the remainder of the two miles Alexander alternately ran and fought. His bullets went wild for a time, but then he steadied down to better aim, and the cops and civilians were forced to scatter to shelter each time he began to shoot. He took his last shot at Central avenue and Plane street, using a tree that sheltered him from attack.

Policemen Sullivan and Hoban had been joined by Policemen Greeley and Weitzel and Robert Fletcher. The officers took up posts in doorways and behind fences. The civilians who had joined in the chase had stopped at a full block away, for Alexander was still using his revolver. There were scores of persons in Central avenue when he dropped behind his tree, and for that reason and because it was feared some of them might be injured by flying bullets the policemen hesitated to rush the negro. Finally the civilians disappeared into doorways, and one of the most spectacular revolver battles in the history of the Newark police department began.

Policeman Is Wounded.

Policeman Fletcher led an advance along a fence. He was hit almost immediately by one of the negro's bullets. His right ankle was broken and he had to be dragged around the corner and put into an automobile and sent to the City Hospital.

Hoban and Weitzel then rushed Alexander from one side while Greeley and Sullivan attacked from the other. The negro's revolver, which had been reloaded several times, was empty at the moment and he was taken prisoner.

As the four policemen fell on him a shout went up from the crowd in the doorways.

"Lynch him!" shouted a man's voice.

"Here's a woman's voice."

Superior the four policemen could protect themselves they were lifted off their feet and carried half a block with the prisoner. The negro, collapsing from fear and the effect of the beating he received when he was captured, clung to the policemen. They rushed him into a store and guarded him while reserves were coming from a nearby precinct.

Later it was found that Miss Edna Bahrs, 24, of 27 High street, was struck in the arm by a ricocheting bullet during the fight. Her wound was not serious and she went home after receiving first aid.

After the crowd had been dispersed and the fragments of a half dozen windows and been swept off the street, Joe Lee, High street laundryman, was found hiding behind a tree two blocks away. He still had his army automatic and a permit for carrying it, but admitted it had been too excited to fire a shot.

'IT IS ME' AND 'HE DON'T' CORRECT IN CHICAGO

School Superintendent Gives Sanction in Opinion.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—The expressions "It is me" and "He don't" are permissible for both school teachers and pupils in Cook county public schools under an opinion issued today by Edward J. Tobin, superintendent of the county schools.

Superintendent Tobin said the correct form "It is I" sounds stilted and even egotistical and that it is of no use to teach children forms of expression "outlawed by common usage and a sense of good form." He said he was not instructing his teachers to depart from grammatically correct usage, but would not reprimand them if they did.

ROBBERS SUSPECT HELD.

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STAMFORD INDIGNANT OVER STORY OF 'CORSET PARKING'

Socially Prominent Women Interested in Club and Relief Fund Dances, Denounce It as "Base Lies"—No Imbibing of Liquor, They Declare.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 19.—Men and women socially prominent in Stamford who are interested in the Babies' Aid Society, a charitable organization, and in the Stamford Woman's Club, an organization composed of the best known women of the community, were distressed today by the publication of a sensational article in a New York paper to the effect that women and girls who attended dances given here recently under auspices of those organizations "had parked their corsets" in the anteroom of a ballroom and had partaken more or less freely of intoxicating liquors.

Mrs. G. A. Stafford, wife of a New York business man and vice-president of the Woman's Club, said:

"My maid, Elizabeth McCaffrey, was in the so-called anteroom from the time the dance started until it ended. She says positively that no girl and no woman removed her corsets, I myself, was in and out of the room from beginning to end of the dance. I saw nothing of the kind. I can say that none of the girls or women who attended the dance drank intoxicating liquor. These stories about parking corsets and drinking liquors are all base lies and gossip."

William A. Ebbetts, president of the Babies' Aid Society, in the absence of

his sister, said the stories were absolutely untrue.

"I didn't even smell a strong breath at the dance," he said. "I did not attend the Babies' Aid dance, but my sister and myself have investigated the story and we know that there was no drinking among the girls and no corset parking."

Miss Gertrude Ingersoll, daughter of George Pratt Ingersoll, former Minister to Spain, said:

"The story is a lot of base lies. It's a shame the Babies' Aid Society, trying to do a good work, should be associated with base gossip. There was no drinking and none of the other things charged happened. Two or three college boys may have had a drink or two of liquor, but that was all."

Charles Eddy Fay, who with his wife was interested in the recent organization of a Parents' Association here, said the society was organized because of a variety of causes. He denied that these two dances were responsible for the organization of the Parents' Association.

Mr. Fay said neither he nor his wife had any personal knowledge that girls partook of intoxicants at these two dances or removed their corsets, and he could not refer to a reporter to any one who had had such personal knowledge. He admitted, however, that he had heard "rumors" of such things.

BOSTON CHAMBER OPPOSED TO CANAL

Decides Canada Would Benefit Chiefly by St. Lawrence Great Lakes Waterway.

BOSTON, Feb. 19.—Opposition to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River tidewater project by the New England Traffic League was urged in a report of a special committee of the Boston Chamber of Commerce made public today. The committee expressed the opinion that the proposed improvement of the international waterway "would more likely accrue to the benefit of the Dominion of Canada rather than to the section of the country which is so energetically pushing it."

More than one-half of the taxation which would be levied in the United States for the cost of the waterway, which is estimated at from \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000, the report said, would fall upon New England, New York and Pennsylvania, while the return would be slight in comparison.

"The tonnage of American grain shipments which might use this route," it continued, "taking the combined shipments for export to the ports of Boston, Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore, would not be sufficient to warrant the expense even if the cost of rehandling at those points be considered."

Of the hundred million tons of freight carried in one season of eight months on the great lakes ninety millions of tons consisted of steel and coal sent to lake ports, which never saw tidewater. On this basis it is forecast that St. Lawrence River waterway would be but a fifth wheel in the wagon of transportation.

The remaining 10,000,000 tons of freight consisted of grain, flour, lumber, pig iron, etc. Of this, the committee says, it was estimated by one having an expert knowledge of export, less than 5 per cent. of the grain was sent to foreign countries, and a greater part of this represented Canadian shipments.

"This clearly indicates that Canada probably would be more greatly benefited by the completion of the proposed waterway," the report added, "than would the Western States of this country, which claim to be so vitally interested."

Inability of great lakes boats to make an ocean passage, because of peculiar construction and the cost accruing from slow trips, necessitating liners would be forced to make through the canalized St. Lawrence River, was offered as another argument against the project.

CUBANS ASK CROWDER'S AID IN REELECTIONS

Liberals Fear Persecutions by Military Men.

HAVANA, Feb. 19.—A committee of Liberal party adherents, representing the Presidential candidacy of Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez, complained to Gen. Enoch H. Crowder today that in the provinces of Matanzas, Camaguey, Oriente and Santa Clara the Liberals feared persecution of representatives during the forthcoming elections.

They advised Gen. Crowder that although some political supervisors of military rank had had their powers rekindled, they nevertheless remained as heads of their various military detachments and were still in fact "super-visors."

Gen. Crowder has the matter under consideration.

1,500 ATTEND BANKING INSTITUTE'S DINNER

Fifteen hundred persons attended the twentieth annual banquet of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Banking last night at the Hotel Pennsylvania. The institute is a professional association for the training of men and women in the business of banking.

George A. Kinney, president of the chapter, was toastmaster. Speakers were Dr. J. T. Holdsworth, vice-president of the Bank of Pittsburgh, and Jesse T. Wood, vice-president of the National State and City Bank of Richmond, Va.

Dr. Holdsworth said that it would be a happy day when the workman comes to own more stock in industries, especially the industry in which he is employed. He said this would increase the sense of responsibility of employees.

WOULD ADVANCE TAX DATE.

Comptroller Craig explaining last night the necessity for his charter amendment, which would advance the date for paying the second installment of city taxes from November 1 to July 1, said he feared that unless this was done it might be impossible for the city to get all the short term loans it needed, and the city might have to resort to issuing long term bonds under the most unfavorable conditions of interest.

If the tax due date is not advanced the city will have to go into the market for about \$100,000,000, which the Comptroller asserted, would cost as high as 3 1/2 per cent. Not only would that impose heavy interest charges on the city but would absorb money that otherwise would be available for mortgage and building purposes.

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TOWNLEY'S NOTES ARE PAID BY LEAGUE

North Dakota House Investigation Digs Into Non-Partisan Faction Finance.

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BISMARCK, N. D., Feb. 19.—There was an undercurrent of suspense in the Non-Partisan situation today, the centre of interest being the proceedings of the State Legislature.

The Independent forces in the House have renewed their efforts and will continue their drive against the Non-Partisan League trenches.

Regeneration of the State's financial system is the watchword of the Independents in their programme for next week, opening with the Monday morning session.

J. E. Staube, Valley City, testified today at the hearing of the House committee investigating State industries that he and five other persons living near Valley City had signed notes of \$2,500 last July at the request of A. C. Townley, president of the Non-Partisan League. The other signers, he said, were L. Noltemeyer, George M. Rasmussen, John Staube, William Olson, John McElroy and C. H. Noltemeyer. Staube said most of his notes had been paid by the league.

Lee Cowell, chairman of the board of directors of the Security National Bank of Valley City, testified he had been told that the Bank of North Dakota would carry a balance with that bank as large as the total due on the notes and not to honor drafts of the Bank of North Dakota until the notes had been paid.

House bills 190 and 191, which have for their purpose the allowing of farmers and others to pool grain and other products for selling, were passed by the House, in the first constructive agricultural legislation which has passed. This is the first step taken by North Dakota toward enacting into law the cooperative marketing legislation, the campaign for which has been nationwide.

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HOWAT DECLINES ORDER OF KANSAS COURT ON STRIKE

Refuses Recognition of Court of Industrial Relations.

MISHMASH CASE ENDS

Company Ordered to Pay Increased Wages to Lad Under Miners' Contract.

MANY MINES ARE IDLE

Labor Leader Denies Request for Walkout Because of His Arrest.

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PITTSBURGH, Kan., Feb. 19.—Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas miners union, today refused to sign a receipt for the order of the Court of Industrial Relations ordering that the strike at the Mackie mines be called off.

When a deputy sheriff served the order on Howat and asked for a receipt the miners' chieftain declined.

"I have had nothing to do with the Industrial Court and will not have anything to do with it now," he said.

The order was issued yesterday by the Industrial Court after it had decided the case of Karl Mishmash, who claimed about \$200 from the Mackie company for increased wages alleged to be due after he had become 19 years old. The court also ordered the company to pay over the money for Mishmash with interest and to have the two idle mines ready for work Monday morning.

After he had declined to sign the receipt for the order Howat said: "I signed an agreement with the Commission for the operators for the settlement of the case of Mishmash, and so far as I am concerned there is nothing more for me to sign. I do not recognize the Industrial Court as having anything to do with settling the case."

The money awarded to Mishmash by the Industrial Court, amounting to \$220.50, including interest, was paid into the office of the clerk of the Crawford County District Court by the company this morning. When advised that this had been done Howat said the union would not recognize that as payment, that the money must be in the possession of the operators association for payment to Mishmash, as the contract between the operators and the miners provided.

More than two-thirds of the Kansas deep mines are idle to-day, official reports to the headquarters of the operators association showed. Most of the steam shovel miners were working. The report was about the same as for yesterday. Thursday two-thirds of the miners were at work.

Howat yesterday denied that he had requested the miners to refuse to work on account of his arrest on the criminal charge in Cherokee county.

"As long as we are released on bonds," he said, "refraining from work would have been absurd. But if we had been kept in jail that would have been different."

ALABAMA BRIDGE DYNAMITED.

Served New Coal Mine Conducted on Open Shop Basis.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 19.—A bridge over Warrior River in Jefferson county, near Delta, serving the new coal mine of C. O. Rogers, was dynamited early today, according to advices to State military headquarters here. The mining property is said to be completely isolated.

The mine has been operated on an open shop plan, its officers said, and while warnings have been received no attention has been paid to them.

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